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## THE STATE CAMPAIGN

### First Meeting 'Tame' but as they Progress they Warm up

At Sumter on the 18th, two thousand or upwards of citizens gathered from four or five counties, stood about on the green fronting of Sumter's \$118,000 court house, perched in windows of the court room above, and heard the 11 candidates for contested offices address them from the portico. A notable cordial greeting was given Judge Jones, but it was a demonstrative crowd. Probably the lack of what sports writers call "zing" was due to the fact that the leading candidates for governor, instead of engaging in a those later!—devoted the most of their time to the reading of formal typed statements outlining their respective platforms. Fair order was kept, though the crowding of the portico made it difficult for reporters and others there to follow the speeches. John H. Clifton, county chairman, was the presiding officer.

Candidates for governor are allowed 45 minutes each, candidates for attorney general 15 minutes each, candidates for State treasurer ten minutes each, candidates for railroad commissioner 15 minutes each, and candidates for uncontested offices five minutes each if they elect to speak at all.

Gov. Blease read nearly all of his remarks from a typed statement. He said at the outset that although it had been predicted his administration would check the prosperity of the State the report of the secretary of state showed during that period an unprecedented progress in the organization of new concerns, and only yesterday four notes of the State for \$100,000 each were placed at 3 per cent., an interest rate as low if not the lowest ever obtained by the State, except under my administration last year.

The governor's statement reviewed his platform and inaugural address of two years ago, summarized recommendations made by him to the general assembly, discussed those adopted and those disregarded by the legislators, briefly mentioned his vetoes and his pardon record and in general set up the claim that his administration had been economical, impartial and constructive. Declarations were repeated, with which his previous campaigns have familiarized the people, regarding negro secret orders, and alleged textile trust, a supposititious "old ring, dominated by newspapers and corporations," and alleged conspiracy of newspapers against him. It was charged that money was being freely expended in the interest of Judge Jones, though the governor said he refrained from charging this to Judge Jones himself.

Judge Jones took the offensive promptly. He would be glad to keep this campaign on a high plane, he said. He deprecated the methods of the governor. "Down with demagoguery!" he explained. He reproved the stirring up of race prejudice and the antagonizing of workmen in the mills against workmen in the stores and on the farms. "Shame," he cried, shame on such contemptible politics! Charges made against him by the governor, in terms and by implication, were discussed seriatim. The governor, Judge Jones said, did not think a governor entitled to a second term when he opposed Gov. Ansel. Judge Jones flatly denied that money was being freely used in his interest. "If anybody has given me a cent of money to run this campaign, I haven't heard of it." Discussing the matter of corporation backing, Judge Jones said he was not aware he had the support of any corporations, but was certain he had the active enmity of some of them, mainly on account of decisions rendered by him in his capacity of chief justice. He mentioned as one corporation executive flouting him and supporting Blease—presumably because of a timber lands decision—W. H. Andrews of the Atlantic Coast

Lumber corporation, Georgetown. "He is one of Blease's strongest backers," the speaker declared. "And tell me," he said, "you men who holla for Cole Blease, who is the chief counsel for the Southern Railway? He is B. L. Abney, the governor's cousin; and he makes his home in the 'White House' at Columbia." "Nobody owns me," said the speaker; "I am no man's man; I am not dominated by newspapers nor by corporations—nor by my friends, or my enemies."

A LITTLE GINGER. Mr. Lyon defied Barnard Evans or anybody else to prove that he or any member of the Murray board got a cent of graft out of the dispensary. He said that it was strange, if Evans, charges of grafting by the Murray commission were true, that no proof whatever had appeared, though the dispensary matters had been placed by a hostile governor in the hands of a hostile commission, and this board had engaged expert accountants to go through all the records.

"I am not built on the mealy mouthed plan," said the attorney general, and proceeded to explain that he had borne with Evans' insults quietly so far. "But I give him notice that I have records—he knows of their existence—which I have heretofore refrained from using against him, out of consideration for his family." If Evans continues to make false statements against the Murray board and the attorney general, court records will be produced against Evans for the information of the public, Mr. Lyon said. The evidence against him included affidavits from respectable citizens and records of the civil and criminal courts of the State.

"If he has no consideration for his family himself, I will not spare him further," said the attorney general. He had nothing to say against his other opponents. It was unfortunate that such a man as B. B. Evans was in the race, he said.

At this point Evans said "Lay on, Mackduff, and damned be he who first cries, Hold enough."

The other candidates also made short addresses but developed no issues between them. AT BISHOPVILLE, 19TH.

Presentation of court records regarding B. B. Evans, candidate for attorney general, by the incumbent, J. Fraser Lyon, in fulfillment of a conditional promise made at Sumter Tuesday, and a sharp change by Gov. Blease from defensive tactics to aggressive against his leading opponent, Ira B. Jones, featured today's campaign meeting at Bishopville. Excitement, which had subsided after the expected lash between Lyon and Evans, flared up again for a moment, however, at the very end of the meeting, under the stimulus of a disagreement as to the right of Judge Jones to reply to the governor.

THE RULE OF REPLY.

Organizing at Sumter Tuesday just before the meeting there the party of candidates adopted a rule for the campaign, which is as follows, according to the record of the secretary, S. T. Carter: "When statements are made by one candidate which are objectionable to another candidate, he shall be allowed to deny the charges and to furnish a categorical answer when the candidate making the statements has finished or at the close of the meeting."

Under this rule B. B. Evans was yesterday and today allowed a reply to statements by the attorney general, Mr. Lyon, and under the same rule Judge Jones today, when Gov. Blease, the last speaker, had concluded, arose to make his reply, the governor's address having consisted principally of a vigorous attack on him. Gov. Blease vehemently protested against Judge Jones being heard, shouting: "He's had his speech, let him answer tomorrow." The governor's expression, by voice and by gesture, aroused considerable excitement, and this was increased when a policeman in uniform advanced from

the rear of the stand and took up a position at the governor's elbow. The officer was directed by the county chairman, L. L. Baker, to retire until he was needed. Mr. Baker, after endeavoring without much success to restore order, announced that he would not permit a reply and declared the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Baker said afterward that he recognized Judge Jones' right to make a categorical reply, but ruled as he did from considerations of expediency. During the heated discussion Judge Jones repeatedly declared that he did not wish to make a speech but intended only to offer a categorical denial.

CLIMBED ON STAND.

Numbers of spectators climbed up on the stand. Upwards of 1,500 persons were grouped about an improvised platform erected in Woodward park. The crowd consisted more largely of farmers than at Sumter. A section of the crowd indulged freely in the heckling process, and Blease supporters uplifted their voices at frequent intervals. On the whole though the crowd behaved well.

B. B. Evans was the first speaker, his renewal of graft charges made two years ago and at Sumter yesterday against the Murray dispensary commission elicited from the attorney general the promised commentary upon Evan's career.

Mr. Evans repeated his charge that dispensary records had been judged and a deficit of approximately \$40,000 covered up beneath the term "capitol account." By way of advance reply to Mr. Lyon's threatened revelation, he gave his own version of his career. He ascribed to ill will against him on the part of "that thief, B. F. Sample," sheriff of Saluda county, the finding of indictments against him in that county for forgery and declared the forgery charge to be false. He said that this prosecution was quashed by Judge Shipp when the case came on for trial and his lawyer on that occasion was J. William Thurmon, now campaign manager for Ira B. Jones. Evans also recalled the fact that in Columbia he had been tried for murder and acquitted, because he said his friend worried by domestic troubles, came to his room and with his pistol committed suicide. "My life," said Evans, has always been an open book, there is no man or woman I can not face. If any man or woman has knowledge of anything tending to show a dishonorable act in my record, let him or her rise and point it out and I will brand her as a defamer, him as a liar, or die in the attempt.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

J. Fraser Lyon after reviewing his work in showing up dispensary grafters and after saying he deplored the necessity of exposing Evans, proceeded to read a certified copy of one of the two indictments for forgery found against Evans in Saluda county and to mention other charges made against Evans.

He said that Evans some years ago hypothecated at the Carolina National bank in Columbia two notes purporting to have been made by Edgefield county citizens, who when these obligations matured made answer to court that they had not signed any such instruments "and the bank lost the money."

The attorney general said also that Frank and sons, money lenders of Augusta, sent to Evans on one occasion a check to be delivered to one of his clients, but Evans appropriated the money to his own use and his brother, Jonh Gary Evans of Spartanburg, former governor, had to make the check good in order to prevent "Barney" from being prosecuted.

The attorney general said he had refrained as long as possible from presenting this evidence to the public, out of respect to Evan's mother and his brother, and the people of the State, but the revelations had to be made when Evans persisted in going about the State making false and scandalous charges against men the lachets of whose shoes Evans was unworthy to tie.

In reply Evans said the at-

torney general had presented what purported to be records of cases that he for one had never heard of. As to the Salter check, Evans said: "If John Gary Evans has paid any such check for me I don't know it." He concluded: "If I am guilty of any crime, why haven't I been arrested?"

Felder To Testify.

Atlanta, June 20.—Thomas B. Felder, of Atlanta, will respond to a summons to meet an investigation committee from the legislature of South Carolina in Augusta, Ga., on Monday, July 8, for the purpose of giving to that committee such testimony as he may have concerning the charge of dispensary graft lodged against Governor Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina, by Mayor Grace, of Charleston.

The meeting between Mr. Felder and the investigating committee, set for July 8 in Augusta, was the outcome of several days' correspondence by letter and wire. Mr. Felder first named Atlanta as a fit and proper place of meeting, but when the committee said that Augusta would be more convenient to it, the Atlanta man promptly accepted.

Mr. Felder's sole objection to going to Columbia is said to have been fear of interference upon the hearing perhaps violent, by friends and partisans of Gov. Blease.

These Want Your Vote.

The following is the official list of candidates as announced by Mr. Evans:

UNITED STATES SENATE.  
B. R. Tillman, W. J. Talbert, N. B. Dial.

CONGRESS.

First District—Geo. S. Legare, H. Leon Larisey.  
Second District—J. F. Byrnes, Harry D. Calhoun.  
Third District—Wyatt Aiken, F. S. Evans, M. C. Long.  
Fourth District—Jos. T. Johnson.

Fifth District—D. E. Finley, Glenn W. Ragsdale, W. P. Pollock.  
Sixth District—J. E. Ellerbe, J. W. Ragsdale.  
Seventh District—A. F. Lever.

GOVERNOR.

Ira B. Jones, Cole L. Blease, J. T. Duncan.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

C. A. Smith.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

R. M. McCown.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

A. W. Jones.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

J. R. Earle, B. B. Evans, Thos. H. Peebles, J. Fraser Lyon.

STATE TREASURER.

S. T. Carter, D. W. McLaurin.

SUP'T. OF EDUCATION.

John E. Swearingen.

ADJUDANT GENERAL.

W. W. Moore.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

E. J. Watson.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

John G. Richards, Jr., J. H. Wharton, James Cansler.

SOLICITOR.

First Circuit—P. T. Hildrebrand.

Second Circuit—R. L. Gunter.

Third Circuit—Philip H. Stoll.

Thos. H. Tatum.

Fourth Circuit—J. Monroe Spears, T. I. Rogers, Geo. K. Laney.

Fifth Circuit—W. Hampton Cobb.

Sixth Circuit—J. K. Henry, J. Harry Foster.

Seventh Circuit—J. C. Otts, I. C. Blackwood, A. E. Hill.

Eighth Circuit—R. A. Cooper.

Ninth Circuit—John H. Puerifoy.

Tenth Circuit—Procter A. Bonham, John M. Daniel.

Eleventh Circuit—Geo. Bell Timmerman.

Twelfth Circuit—Walter H. Wells, L. M. Gasque.

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